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1. The Hungarian underground which operated during the Nazi domination has been completely disbanded as a result of arrests, deportations and flights of its leaders. Many of the leaders were shot, hanged or otherwise liquidated.
2. The newly organized underground has been inoperative since just before the last elections, when some explosions in factories were perpetrated by order from outside Hungary. Despite a wide and intensive search, the Communist and Soviet authorities found none of the saboteurs. The underground prefers to save the lives of its members for the time when action will be necessary.
3. The underground has about 26 thousand men and women and is commanded by a former Hungarian general. It is not in touch with either the British or American authorities because such contact is considered too risky and because there seems no need at present for liaison. The leader is in touch with the commander of the Polish and Serbian undergrounds, and accords and agreements among the three exist.
4. This underground is the only one in Hungary, and neither Varga nor Nagy knows of its existence. The reason for this absolute secrecy is the necessity for keeping the organization inactive for the present. After the Kovacs case, some six thousand members dropped their affiliation when certain key-men "disappeared."

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